Subject: Chat with Catalina Saldaña
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10:49 AM **me**: yo yo

28 minutes

11:17 AM **Catalina**: sup
11:21 AM **me**: look at this
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C1XIEioSv9U&NR=1
11:23 AM **Catalina**: ok i am looking at it
why?
me: it's just kind of awesome
11:24 AM **Catalina**: yeah i forgot to tell you i recently became racist towards anything from india or appearing to be from india
me: that's okay
11:25 AM **Catalina**: there was a ceremony and everything
i forgot to invite you
me: I would think I'd be the first person invited to anyone's racism ceremony
11:26 AM **Catalina**: i was under the impression you might be from india
caleb told me this
that indian girl was kinda cute
11:27 AM and i am not really racist
me: indians are pretty interesting altogether
Catalina: i am just hating my boss right now and everything related to hi, including his culture
11:31 AM **me**: what's he doing again?
11:32 AM **Catalina**: living and breathing too close to me, an by too close i mean in the same building
me: THAT'S NOT ALL THAT CLOSE AT ALL
11:33 AM laaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa laaaaaaaaaaaaaaa laaaaaaaaaaa
I'm an Indian
Catalina: well, way i am reading this you are clearly on drugs
and i am very jealous
11:34 AM **me**: I'm just stoned and drinking coffee, actually
are you coming over this weekend?
Catalina: i guess i am on more drugs than you are
sure
11:35 AM i took amphetamines this morning because i had to be here early for a patient
me: you and your amphetamines
11:38 AM **Catalina**: i prefer narrcotics
but what can i do?

narcotics

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12:34 PM **Catalina**: do i get to meet miriam?
me: if you want
not sure what to do regarding her
12:36 PM **Catalina**: why?
12:39 PM **me**: she may like me more than I would prefer
Catalina: well, who doesn't?
12:43 PM **me**: I mainly find her voice off-putting
she's from Manhattan
12:44 PM she actually didn't seem that crazy when I saw her but supposedly she is
12:48 PM **Catalina**: who told you she is?
12:49 PM **me**: couple people like my friend Josh whose opinions on such things are gospel
even Andy
she did attack that guy with a pint glass
12:50 PM and seriously injure him
12:51 PM **Catalina**: but do you really know the circumstances?
me: nope
12:52 PM at any rate, doesn't matter
let it all happen as it will
Catalina: ok, just dont get killed
12:53 PM **me**: I'm not worried about her doing anything violent, I'm worried about situations developing in which I would have to interact with another human being in some meaningful way
12:54 PM and crazy girls of her sort tend to shoot at you with intense emotional laser beams
12:56 PM **Catalina**: who knows, maybe we could be friends
maybe shes the girl ive been searching for since my last one
12:57 PM **me**: well, she said she'd come over this weekend
12:59 PM **Catalina**: awesome, maybe ill invite carl. we can have a dinner party
1:00 PM **me**: sounds good, bring a bunch of PCP and weapons too
1:04 PM **Catalina**: pcp i get, but why the weapons?
1:05 PM **me**: so miriam can go nuts and attack everyone'
also, I imagine Carl is not keen on me
1:06 PM **Catalina**: no, let her be creative and make her own weapons. I'd like to see what she comes up with
me: art
1:07 PM **Catalina**: do you imagine carl is not keen on you or did i tell you?
me: just assumed
1:08 PM **Catalina**: you scratched my back once
1:09 PM so i think he knows. he asked and i lied to him, but only because he lies to me
me: lol I scratched your back

IT WAS NOTHING WE WERE JUST BACK SCRATCHING
gay

1:10 PM **Catalina**: of course, we're high on heroin and naked, someone is bound to get scratched. everyone knows heroin can make you itchy.

11 minutes

1:22 PM **me**: I have no idea what to do now
I've just been sort of sitting here for three hours
someone needs to impose structure here

1:23 PM I'm going to take a bath and read about Chairman Mao
apparently he was kind of an asshole

1:24 PM he had more nihilistic and destructive fantasies than most intelligent young men do, even

39 minutes

2:03 PM **me**: book's kind of a downer
do you know of any futuristic music?

8 minutes

2:12 PM **me**: I decided to end my book with a veiled call for all reasonable people to coordinate in the creation of some movement by which to destroy all obsolete social structures
it's not explicit

30 minutes

2:42 PM **Catalina**: im back

2:45 PM not explicit?
most people wont get it
most people are idiots
but... maybe most people who read your book will not be idiots

2:47 PM **me**: purpose is to filter out people; those who grasp implications and are at the same time interested in perhaps trying something that would have been impossible before internet allowed for massive and selective collaboration regardless of proximity will get in touch

2:50 PM **Catalina**: i see

2:54 PM i can be so typical sometimes, I disappoint myself

2:56 PM i was upset I left my ipod at home and wont have it for running on a treadmill today because i was actually looking forward to that

2:57 PM now im upset that i was upset about that and also upset that i look forward to running on a treadmill
i need to change my life

2:58 PM insipid

3:01 PM **me**: I see you're neurotic, too

3:02 PM **Catalina**: i am neurotic in the most common of ways
it bores me and everyone else around me
if there were people around me

3:04 PM **me**: I'm a bit alarmed because I believe that I have more perspective into history than the vast majority of people as well as current social trends and thus would be in a better position to know that some terrible thing is about to happen due to the increase in social complexity combined with proliferation of new technologies, so am trying to figure out if I am now a fascist due to that determination

3:05 PM I also have decided via thought experiment that, since I have considered the necessity of having the world run by a small, secret elite, that other people have also made that decision

and are planning to cull humanity soon

Catalina: why would that make you a fascist?

i see

3:06 PM **me**: because I'm a strong humanist and want to ensure that humanity survives

Catalina: nevermind on my question

me: and as things proceed

insomuch as that atom bomb were developed only 70 years ago

3:07 PM and society is rapidly changing all of a sudden and now the whole globe has access to most existing knowledgde

knowledge

it becomes almost inevitable that "content," as in our actions, will increase exponentially

Catalina: what do you mean by "the whole globe"?

me: a thousand years ago one could only collaborate with people nearby, mostly

Catalina: ok got it

3:08 PM **me**: as in, the great preponderance of knowledge, particularly science, was constrained to Europe, US, and then Japan, mostly, until recently

Catalina: who are you worried about?

me: and even this limited subsection of humanity managed to pull some dangerous activity

3:09 PM **Catalina**: why do you care?

me: no one in particular

world war ii was the result of several extraordinarily brilliant individuals with access to other people

3:10 PM we will soon have individuals with far more resources in terms of human collateral and knowledge than ever before

it would have been impossible to kill off 1,000,000 people without a huge amount of political capital several hundred years ago

3:11 PM or even 80 years ago

the trend is toward the ability of smaller and smaller groups of people to cause greater and greater amounts of tumult

Catalina: but wont the people they have access to also have more resources?

does that even out?

i know nothing about these issues because i dont really give a fuck about peopple

3:12 PM so i apologize if my questions are stupid

me: sort of, the problem is that all of the people in question might be working towards a negative goal

think of it this way

if each individual had the ability to destroy all others, we would be instantly destroyed because someone, somewhere would do it

3:13 PM we are not anywhere near such a point, but we are closer to it

Catalina: probably me

me: yes

The most important fact of the 21st century is that any individual on the planet can now communicate with any other individual on the planet. The great preponderance of human activity is the result of communication between two or more individuals. A great amount of human activity, both devastating and wondrous, has already occurred in a past defined by great limitations on communication between individuals. The internet came to public availability in the mid-'90s and has improved drastically as a means of communication in only fifteen years time. Some people will find these facts to be of crucial importance and will act on them. This is an important thing to keep in mind.

3:14 PM **Catalina**: yeah im still not really buying it

me: yeah, I could be entirely off-base

3:15 PM but it seems that a number of people who are involved in the more important and dynamic branches of technology think along these same lines

Catalina: how do you know?

me: and, if this were the case, the nature of society is such that most people would not pay attention

3:16 PM I read widely; their opinions are all accessible

3:17 PM anyway, the various totalitarian-friendly cultures, such as China, might be temped to implement widespread genetic engineering at such time as this become feasible

3:18 PM which, if one looks at the curve of technology acceleration, would be soon

Catalina: But there also must be a number people involved in the more important and dynamic branches of technology who do not think along the same lines, no?

3:20 PM **me**: certainly. I think they're wrong. I've met a number of people who don't seem to be able to understand basic axioms that might compel one to consider certain possibilities, although they are of course very proficient within narrow fields like oncology or some such thing

3:21 PM again, much of this predicated on the determination, possibly wrong, that my predictions are closer to the truth than are the predictions of most everyone else, or lack thereof insomuch as that even very intelligent and well-informed people do not seem to spend much time piecing everything together in an

attempt to predict what's coming next
Catalina: that is true
me: which is to say that I am basically a megalomaniac
3:22 PM but can't let this be known
Catalina: also true
3:23 PM **me**: because I am supposed to be a political humorist and not some guy who has extraordinarily eccentric views and wants to overthrow all governments in favor of a world fascist government
in order to redirect more resources to space colonization
3:24 PM hopefully, I have simply spent too much time in my room lately and am totally wrong
Catalina: ok you are not serious about that last part are you?
me: which part?
world fascist government?
Catalina: overthrow all governments in favor of a world fascist government
in order to redirect more resources to space colonization
me: ah
3:25 PM **Catalina**: mainly: redirect more resources to space colonization
me: the chinese are doing it already
Catalina: how?
where?
why?
most importantly, why??
3:26 PM **me**: putting money into research of methods by which to make it feasible to seize control of those huge, resource laden planets that are waiting to be seized
and from which it would be difficult to repel attacks
due to the nature of gravity
3:27 PM while being perfectly situated to attack anything on the planeyt
3:28 PM a large chunk of matter, outfitted with a simple challis of the sort we put on missiles, could destroy a city by way of speed and force with which it would hit
think of it like this
if you're fighting someone
it's better to be on top of a mountain than at the bottom of it
3:29 PM meanwhile
a hundred years ago we had nearly none of the most important things we have today
3:30 PM now we have far more people with which to invent things
Indians, for instance
3:32 PM **Catalina**: i dont know what you mean: more people with which to invent things
Indians, for instance
3:33 PM **me**: these large populations were not tied in to the global scientific community
until relatively recently

when they were finally incorporated by way of increased globalization, political independence

Catalina: got it

3:34 PM **me**: so, instead of having just Western Europe and the U.S. Atlantic seaboard plus Japan
we now have most everyone involved
unless there's some factor I'm missing

3:35 PM this should result in accelerated technological advance, and in fact already has to some extent

3:39 PM this is both very good and very bad

8 minutes

3:48 PM **me**: long story short, look up "singularity" and "transhumanism," that sums up my neuroses
that and other people in general

3:50 PM what's all possible is that I have the genetic tendency to attempt to identify existential crises and then propose myself as a political leader who can solve them

3:51 PM which means that I myself am actually the problem

3:52 PM and should immediately be executed
or at least ignored

3:53 PM in conclusion, I declare myself winner of the neurotic contest that we weren't really having

3:54 PM now Miriam is pissed off because Andy is late after she gave him a gig working under her

3:56 PM also it's a good thing that I encoded my beliefs into the last chapter instead of stating them outright lest I be discredited

10 minutes

4:06 PM **Catalina**: hey i am back
sorry
yes you win

4:07 PM **me**: we've recruited an impressive number of people to work with us over the past 24 hours
very high-caliber
have you noticed that females are now superior to males in general?
that's the impression I get

4:08 PM **Catalina**: you are also right it wasn't a contest
i am going for a run now before my 5:30 patient gets here
ill be back on later

me: word, have fund
yes, fund
have that

Catalina: thats the problem

i dont have funds

4:10 PM **me**: I wish I had the balls to rob a bank

Catalina: well you claim to be more intelligent than most

think of a flawless plan and im in on it

4:11 PM **me**: well, first part is to get out of this huge population center and hide in Mexico

4:12 PM that's it, actually

Catalina: that cant be it

ok im dressed and stretched

later

me: later

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4:41 PM **me**: fuck it, I say we go through original plan of having threesome with Miriam, or at least have her over and decide then what to do

4:42 PM I need to feed off of the resulting chaos

I suspect you'll be inclined to like her, particularly since you'll be drunk anyway

we're also having like three or four people over tomorrow, mostly females, for meeting regarding the magazine

4:43 PM I'm going to start making implicit sexual propositions to all attractive females even if I am working with them

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5:20 PM **Catalina**: My dear Barrett

I am supposed to be in a committed nrelationship now

me: ah, yes

Catalina: actually starting on the 19th

me: lol there's a date?

5:21 PM oh, because he's moving out

Catalina: yes

me: very well

Catalina: thats his move in date to the new place

we'll see how that works out for me

the committed relationship thing

me: does this mean we can't have sex?

5:22 PM or scratch each other?

5:23 PM **Catalina**: i dont know what it means. also (and please do not respond to this comment) I imagine sex with me can't be very good since I need to be black out drunk to have sex with someone i have known less than 5 yrs

so maybe i am neurotic after all

me: you'd be surprised

5:24 PM **Catalina**: or just raised in a strict catholic family

if this asshole (my elderly patient with memory concerns) does not show up by 6pm Im out

5:25 PM **me**: you going to come by tomorrow night?

I guess I can just massage your shoulders
anyway, I like to have you sleep in my bed with me at the very least
Catalina: maybe, I have to see when i told larry id hang out with him
sure tomorrow sounds good
ill see larry saturday
5:26 PM **me**: anyway, we don't have to have sex if you're constrained from doing so for whatever reason
Catalina: im not against it
or for it
me: I was serious about being extraordinarily casual about all things
Catalina: i dont like to plan things
me: very wel
Catalina: especially these things
it freaks me out
5:27 PM **me**: trying to figure out if I should have Miriam over another night
Catalina: i go into panic mode when i feel like i have to do something or if i feel like i cant do something
i see
me: don't worry about it, I have heroin so I don't really care that much
Catalina: have her over whenever, whatever happens happens
im sure itll be crazy or at least entertaining
5:28 PM **me**: I'm going to start harassing people with this little video camera
might go with Chris tonight to this model party
sort of on the fence
also want to play Tropico 3
Catalina: why?
oh
go to party
5:29 PM **me**: also don't like going out, really
Catalina: tropico will be there
yes i know how that goes
me: yeah, but these parties go on every week
Catalina: stay in
me: we get notified about every interesting little get-together in NYC
Catalina: talking to people can be demoralizing
5:30 PM simulated people you can rule sound better

13 minutes

5:43 PM **me**: hmm, now have a model for clarion coming over
this should be interesting
5:47 PM **Catalina**: what is clarion?
sounds like i should know that
i am extremely irritated

5:48 PM if this guy decides to show up now I will be here until at least 7pm
and i got here before 9am
i wouldnt mind it so much but i get paid shit

5:51 PM damn, this fucker is here
im pissed